(in million tonnes)

State	*1986-87*	*1987-88*	*1988-89*	*1989-90*	*1990-91*
Madhya Pradesh	44.800	48.756	53.874	62.299	65.351
Maharashtra	12.300	14.215	15.111	16.340	16.854
Orissa	7.070	8.959	10.926	13.253	16.272
Uttar Pradesh	4.920	5.718	6.192	6.174	10.378
West Bengal	20.020	20.322	21.798	17.606	17.002
Total	165.670	179.829	194.358	200.891	211.732

B. State wise production of Lignite : (in million tonnes)

State	*1986-87*	*1987-88*	*1988-89*	*1989-90*	*1990-91*
Tamil Nadu	85.22	101.50	114.05	112.36	117.59
Gujarat	10.83	11.16	11.84	16.11	23.12
Total	96.05	112.66	125.89	128.47	140.71

The following steps are inter alia being taken on a continuous basis in all the states having coal/lignite reserves to step up the production:-

(a) Improvement of production and productivity in the existing mines and through their reorganisation;

(b) Opening of new mines as per plan programmes;

(c) Introduction of new technologies to exploit reserves having difficult geo mining conditions.

Pipelines for carrying oil and Gas from Bombay High

2395. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing main trunk pipelines carrying oil and gas from Bombay High to onshore terminals are undersize and consequently highly inadequate;

(b) the capacity of the present pipelines and actual quantity of oil and gas carried during 1988-89 and 1989-90;

(c) whether ONGC had forwarded to the Government schemes to expand the pipeline network in 1984; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in taking decision on this vital question?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) The pipelines are sized on the basis of production profiles of oil and gas.

(b) The Bombay High Urban Oil pipeline can carry 18MMT per annum of oil. The actual quantity of oil transported was 17.97 and 17.43 million tonnes during the years 1988-89 and 1989-90 respectively.

At present, 16 MMSCMD gas can be transported from Bombay High. The gas transported during 1988-89 and 1989-90 was 16.09 and 14.98 MMSCMD, respectively.

(c) and (d) The initial proposal was received in 1984. However, since then it was modified several times extensively and final proposal was submitted to the Governmental in June,1991.

Rise in Cost of Mangalore Refinery

2396. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI:
SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a steep cost escalation of the Mangalore Refinery due to delay in approval and devaluation of rupee;

(b) if so, the estimated rise in cost of the Mangalore Refinery; and;

(c) the reasons for delay in approving the said Refinery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERTROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) t0 (c). Government have approved after due consideration on 11.4.1991 proposal to set up a 3 MTPA Oil refinery at Mangalore at an esteemed cost of Rs. 1160 crores based on June, 1990 prices. Due to normal cost escalation, effect of devaluation etc. the cost of the refinery project as on July, 1991 prices is estimated to be about Rs. 1500 crores.

[*Translation*]

Milk Sheds in Uttar Pradesh

2397. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the existing number of milk sheds in Uttar Pradesh under Operation Flood-III Programme;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up additional milk sheds in the State during 1992; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Twentyeight milksheds are at present convered under Operation Flood Programme in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Increase in the Rate of Royalty on Minerals

2398. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken any decision to increase the rates of royalty on minerals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;